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At the Half in the "Best Seller" Race



TO carry on the figure introduced in the article "They're Off in the 'Best-Seller' Race," which appeared in the issue of THE NEW YORK HERALD Book Section for August 27 last, the various contenders for popular favor among the novels of the autumn of 1922 may now be considered to have reached the half-way mark in the race. As already has been pointed out, the season is a very unusual one. The entries are many and they are of exceptionally high class. Also popular interest in the event is greater than it has ever been before. For publishers and authors there seems to be a happy revival of the golden age of reading of 1901 and 1902.

The running at the half-way mark is no certain indication of what the order will be at the finish. For that, so far as the present is concerned, we must wait till late in December. Then the section plans to print a third article in this series. Perhaps when the stretch is reached some contender now attracting little attention, and it may be handicapped by a late start, will come thundering on with giant strides to overhaul the present favorites and pass them ten yards from the post. But that is a story for the coming weeks to tell.

The race track before us is the country at large. For the purpose of surveying it the direction of the book section has sent out many letters to the leading book-sellers asking them to report the progress of the race as they see it in their various territories. Individual reports are here printed in the order in which they have been received. In order to avoid any appearance of resorting to conjecture in indicating the present leaders a rigid point system has been adopted. By this system a book first mentioned in any list is credited with 10 points, a second book with 8 points, the third 7, the fourth 6, the fifth 5, and the sixth 4. The general result thus reached is printed in the box appearing on this page.

Individual reports listed in the order received are as follows:

Frederick E. Woodward of Tacoma Park, Md.

1. This Freedom.
2. Charles Rex.
3. The Breaking Point.
4. The Country Beyond.
5. The Glimpses of the Moon.
6. The Moon Out of Reach.

Summing Up by Points the Progress of the Race.

Book.	Author.	Publisher.	Points.
1. This Freedom.	Hutchinson.	Little, Brown.	355
2. Babbitt.	Lewis.	Harcourt, Brace.	184
3. The Breaking Point.	Rinehart.	Doran.	174½
4. The Glimpses of the Moon.	Wharton.	Appleton.	150
5. The Country Beyond.	Curwood.	Cosmopolitan.	96½
6. One of Ours.	Cather.	Knopf.	88

The Pettis Dry Goods Company of Indianapolis, Ind.

1. This Freedom.
2. Charles Rex.
3. Robin.
4. The Country Beyond.
5. The Breaking Point.
6. Broken Barriers.

Smith & Butterfield, of Evansville, Ind.

1. The Glimpses of the Moon.
2. Babbitt.
3. This Freedom.
4. The Country Beyond.
5. Cappy Ricks Retires.
6. Flowing Gold.

The Edward P. Judd Company of New Haven, Conn.

1. Babbitt.
2. This Freedom.
3. The Glimpses of the Moon.
4. One of Ours.
5. The Bright Shawl.
6. Captain Blood.

R. H. White & Co. of Boston, Mass.

1. This Freedom.
2. Robin.
3. The Breaking Point.
4. Fair Harbor.
5. The Shadow of the East.
6. Babbitt.

S. Kann Sons of Washington, D. C.

1. The Breaking Point.
2. Mother of All Living.
3. The Country Beyond.
4. Robin.
5. Charles Rex.
- No No. 6 given.

Beecher, Kymm & Patterson of Kalamazoo, Mich.

1. The Breaking Point.
2. This Freedom.
3. Fair Harbor.
4. The Country Beyond.
5. One of Ours.
6. Babbitt.

The Denver Dry Goods Company of Denver, Col.

1. This Freedom.
2. The Breaking Point.
3. Babbitt.
4. Glimpses of the Moon.
5. The Country Beyond.
6. Flowing Gold.

The Morris Sanford Company of Cedar Rapids, Mich.

1. One of Ours.
2. This Freedom.
3. Babbitt.
4. The Breaking Point.
5. Certain People of Importance.
6. The Country Beyond.

Himebaugh & Browne, Inc., of New York City and Bar Harbor, Me.

1. Babbitt.
2. This Freedom.
3. The Age of Innocence.
4. Robin.
5. Simon Called Peter.
6. Certain People of Importance.

Yunker Brothers of Des Moines, Ia.

1. This Freedom.
2. The Breaking Point.
3. The Country Beyond.
4. Vandemark's Folly.
5. The Glimpses of the Moon.
6. Robin.

Lycett's of Baltimore, Md.

1. This Freedom.
2. Babbitt.
3. The Tale of Triona.
4. Foursquare.
5. Charles Rex.
6. The Glimpses of the Moon.

The Hall Stationery Company of Topeka, Kan.

1. This Freedom.
2. The Country Beyond.
3. The Glimpses of the Moon.
4. Robin.
5. The Shadow of the East.
6. In the Days of Poor Richard.

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